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Alors que Marinette semble pouvoir enfin se rendre à un rendez-vous normal avec Adrien, elle est étrangement victime de crises de panique à répétition. Elle ne comprend pas pourquoi, et s'inquiète que cela compromette définitivement sa relation avec celui qu'elle aime. Se trouvant dans une situation émotionnelle qui pourrait faire d'elle une cible idéale pour Monarque, Marinette doit réagir. Et si la réponse à ses problèmes se trouvait dans son passé ? Quand Marinette n'était pas encore la Marinette qu'on connaît...

Just as it seems like Marinette is finally about to have a normal date with Adrien, she strangely starts suffering from repeated panic attacks. She doesn't understand why, and it's starting to jeopardize her relationship with the one she loves. And it creates an emotional situation that could make her the perfect target for Monarch! What if the answer to her problems lay in her own past? Back when Marinette wasn't the Marinette we know today...

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1 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - MORNING**

Marinette is fast asleep. Her phone rings. She wakes up with a start. When she sees Adrien's pic pop up on the screen, she's overjoyed, totally excited. She picks up.

1 MARINETTE

A... Adrien?!

2 ADRIEN (ON THE PHONE)

Good morning Marinette. I was just calling to tell you how excited I am that we're meeting at the swimming pool later. And to wake you up, just in case you were still sleeping!

3 MARINETTE

Hahahah! Good call! (a beat) I'm super excited, too.

When she hangs up, she drops her phone. Her hand is shaking. She looks at it, baffled.

Marinette has a <FLASH>: a picture of a lock.

4 TIKKI

Everything okay, Marinette?

After the flash, Marinette is troubled.

5 MARINETTE

Yes... I'm... I'm just feeling a little lightheaded, Tikki. I'll feel better after I grab some breakfast.

2 **INT. DUPAIN-CHENG LIVING ROOM - MORNING**

Marinette is sitting at the table, but she can't seem to take a bite of her breakfast.

6 SABINE

Aren't you gonna eat, sweetie?

7 MARINETTE

My stomach feels kinda yucky..

Sabine's perfectly read between the lines.

8 SABINE

On the morning you happen to finally have a real date with Adrien?

Marinette blushes, embarrassed.

9 MARINETTE
Mooooom!

Sabine's amused.

10 SABINE
It's not surprising. I'm sure those
butterflies are just like the ones
I had before my very first date
with your father!

As her mom speaks, **Marinette has another, slightly longer**
<FLASH>: a locker (whose lock we saw earlier).

11 SABINE (OFF) (CONT'D)
It was awful, I couldn't eat a bite
and I couldn't stop--

After the flash, Marinette jumps and knocks over her
breakfast.

12 MARINETTE
Oh, sorry-sorry-sorry. I don't know
what's wrong with me today!

13 SABINE
Let me take care of it. Go to the
swimming pool and meet your Adrien!

3 **EXT. OUTSIDE THE SWIMMING POOL - DAY**

Marinette parks her scooter outside the swimming pool. She
meets Adrien, who was waiting for her next to his car. He
holds out his hand to her.

14 ADRIEN
Good morning.

She blushes. She takes his hand carefully, as if it were
precious and burning hot at the same time.

15 MARINETTE
Good morning.

They step inside the swimming pool together.

4 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / LOBBY**

As in a dream, Marinette looks at Adrien's hand in hers.

They stop at the counter.

16 ADRIEN
Good morning ma'am. How do we get
in?

When Marinette looks up at him, she notices a display case featuring photos of the swimming club's medalists – Ondine for the girls, and Kim for the boys – posing on a podium in their swimsuits, with a medal around their necks and a trophy in their arms.

17 THE WOMAN AT THE COUNTER (OFF)
You have to buy tickets, young man.

18 ADRIEN (OFF)
Oh? Then two tickets please.

Marinette instantly has another flash. It's still the locker, but seen from a little further away. The camera slowly trucks in towards it, as if it were harboring a dark secret

Marinette jerks her hand away from Adrien's. She squeezes it to control the shaking. Adrien gets worried.

19 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
You're shaking! Are you sure you're alright?

20 MARINETTE
It's okay, I'm fine! I love the swimming pool!

She rips the pool bracelets and keys out of the cashier's hands.

5 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / CHANGING ROOMS - DAY**

Marinette and Adrien, with their pool bracelets and keys in hand, split up to get changed. In her booth, Marinette opens her bag and pulls out her swimsuit.

<FLASH>: the camera keeps moving towards the locker.

Back to reality. Marinette, confused, **breathing fast**, tries to continue changing. She bends down to take off her shoes, but her hand is shaking so hard she can't get anywhere. *

INSERT – outside, on the passageway, Adrien is already waiting for her in his swimming trunks.

21 ADRIEN
Marinette? Everything ok?

22 MARINETTE (OFF)
Yeah, yeah, I just have a problem with my shoelaces. Go ahead, I'll meet you there.

Knowing full well that Marinette's shoes don't have shoelaces, Adrien worries. But he goes downstairs nevertheless.

BACK – in the booth, Marinette gets up, panting.

Tikki is worried.

23 TIKKI
Marinette, what's going on with
you?

24 MARINETTE
I don't know, I feel strange...

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6 INT. SWIMMING POOL / POOL - DAY

Marinette finally comes out of her booth wearing her
swimsuit.

She trundles down the stairs that lead to the pool, gripping
the banister, jittery.

She sees Adrien waiting for her downstairs, as well as Kim
and Ondine doing lengths.

25 KIM
Over here! Marinette!

Seeing Kim suddenly gets Marinette even more stressed out.
She goes around the pool and stops next to Adrien, unable to
take her eyes off Kim, who's swimming and waving hi.

Adrien can clearly see how tense Marinette is. He climbs down
the ladder into the water and holds out a hand to encourage
her.

26 ADRIEN
Need a hand?

Marinette stares at him and then looks at his hand. She
barely brushes it and then another panic attack overwhelms
her.

**<FLASH>: the locker comes open and... a shower of cockroaches
pours out!**

Marinette runs away. Adrien is stunned. He runs behind her.

27 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Marinette? What's wrong?

She climbs up the stairs as fast as she can.

28 MARINETTE
Leave me alone! I need to be by
myself! And... and stop pretending
to be so nice to me!

Adrien freezes at the bottom of the stairs, in stupefaction
and despair. What could he possibly have done wrong for
Marinette to think he's not being honest and sincere with
her?

Kim and Ondine stop when they see Marinette running away. Ondine comes out of the water, concerned. Meanwhile, Kim, with his arms folded on the edge of the pool, guffaws:

29 KIM
 Ha ha ha! Whoah, Adrien, that must
 have been some prank you pulled to
 make Marinette freak out like that!
 What did you do to her?

The stupid comment gets Ondine thinking.

30 ONDINE
 It's not funny, Kim! Can't you see
 Marinette's not okay?!

Kim acts like it's no big deal.

31 KIM
 Oh, come on, she always reacts like
 that when someone pranks her!

Ondine and Adrien are baffled.

32 ONDINE
 What on earth are you talking
 about?

33 KIM
 Right, you guys wouldn't know.
 Lemme explain -- you'll see, it's
 hilarious. It was last year, when
 Marinette and I were in 8th
 grade...

7 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / CHANGING ROOMS - DAY**

Marinette locks herself in her booth and falls apart, slightly trembling (S&P: This is OK if she shakes a bit, as long as it's not too traumatic), incapable of understanding what is happening to her, and all the more desperate at the thought of what she just told Adrien.

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34 MARINETTE
 What's wrong with me? I'm
 destroying everything I've ever
 wanted!

A Voyage portal opens. A Megakuma flies out of it and enters Marinette's pool bracelet. Monarch's mask appears on her face. Using the telepathic connection the Megakuma's established between them, he talks to her. She can't see him, but she can hear him in her head.

35 MONARCH
 Panic, I am Monarch. I have sensed
 your distress.
 (MORE)

MONARCH (CONT'D)

It's a terrible thing when emotions
get so strong that you lose control
of your physical being! If you
want, I can give you the power to
turn your fear into...

As he speaks, the super-villain's voice weakens and slows
down, until it disappears, replaced by Marinette's inner
voice.

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MARINETTE (V.O.)

This can't be happening! I've got
to pull myself together! I have to
figure out why I get like this
every time I get close to Adrien...
Otherwise I'm gonna fall apart!

We enter her memories... (Staging note: use a visual method
to make it clear that we're going back in time.)

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INT. SWIMMING POOL / POOL - DAY

Marinette, younger by a year, is drying her loose hair by the
poolside. With stars in her eyes, she's looking at Kim, who's
racing Ondine. They seem very close.

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KIM

I'm catching up to you! I'm
catching up to you!

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ONDINE

In your dreams! Even with a motor
in your swimsuit you'd still be
slower than me!

Marinette doesn't dare to go and talk to him, not wanting to
intrude.

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INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - MORNING

Early morning. Marinette's in bed, in her PJs, wearing her
hair loose. She's looking at a magazine clipping taped to her
wall. It's an article about Kim's swimming championship
victory, with a photo of Kim, proudly posing on a podium with
a medal around his neck. It's the same picture we saw at the
pool at the beginning of the episode (Note: right next to the
article is Marinette's 8th grade class picture. Alya, Mylene
and Alix aren't on it. But among the other kids are Kim and
Max, Chloe and Sabrina, Rose and Juleka. Photo seen in season
1's Reflekta). Marinette heaves an enamored little sigh.

When she finally gets up to get ready, the look on her face
changes. She looks anxious, as if anticipating that something
terrible is about to happen to her...

10 **INT. DUPAIN-CHENG LIVING ROOM - MORNING**

Back on Marinette, her hair in a bun, wearing blue pants (Cf. 8th grade class picture in episode *Reflekta*), reluctant to have breakfast. She stirs her bowl of chocolate without eating or drinking anything.

39 SABINE
Aren't you eating, sweetie?

40 MARINETTE
I have a tummy ache. Can't I stay home today?

41 SABINE
Yesterday, your foot hurt. And the day before that, it was your head. Come on, chin up! You only have two weeks of school left with her! She probably won't even be in your class next year!

42 MARINETTE
Three years in a row, Mom! Why would my luck change now...

Marinette gets up reluctantly and, like in episode *Origins*, knocks over her breakfast.

11 **EXT. SCHOOL - DAY**

Marinette reaches the school door, clutching her schoolbag. On her guard, she looks around in Marinette vision mode. Above her: no hanging trap. In the yard, the students are waiting for classes to begin. At least she's not late. She jumps with anxiety when she spots Chloe and Sabrina! But it seems like they haven't seen her. Marinette sighs with relief. As stealthily as she can, she steals towards the locker room. But once she's inside, Chloe and Sabrina turn their heads in her direction. They were just pretending not to see her!

12 **INT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY**

The locker room is empty. Marinette cautiously opens her locker, suspecting a trap. Nothing happens. But when she grabs her white lab coat for science class, hidden cockroaches fall from it. She screams!

43 MARINETTE
AAAAAAH!

13 **INT. BATHROOM - DAY**

Marinette runs and takes refuge in the bathroom. As she opens the door, she causes a bucket of water deliberately placed on her way to tip over, slips on the puddle that formed because of the spillage, and faceplants.

14 **EXT. LOCKER ROOM - DAY**

When Marinette comes out of the restroom, soaking wet, she runs into Mr. Damocles.

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MR. DAMOCLES

Classes started 10 minutes ago, yet you're still roaming the hallways! This is the eighth time this week! Good thing an anonymous student warns me every time you're about to break the school rules! I wonder who that mysterious Chloe can be...? Anyhow! My office, now, Miss Dupain-Cheng!

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*15 **INT. SCIENCE CLASSROOM - DAY**

A bummed Marinette knocks and opens the classroom door.

This time she gets told off for being tardy by Mrs. Mendeleiev.

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MENDELEIEV

Congratulations! Another two weeks like this, and you'll set a new school record for the number of tardies in my class this year. Now go to your desk. Quietly.

Chloe lays it on thick.

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CHLOE

What's with the even-more-depressing-than-usual face, Dupain-Cheng? Something *bugging* you?

As Chloe and Sabrina burst out laughing, Marinette walks straight to her seat, her head down (Note: there's no one sitting next to her - Chloe's order)

She sits down without checking her chair first. <SPLOTCH> She jerks back up and looks at her seat. She just sat on a tube of dark green (or dark blue) paint (caution: not brown), making it burst. The back of her pants are smeared with paint.

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Everyone in class starts murmuring.

Marinette's ashamed. She catches Kim looking at her. He's seen everything... which makes things even more humiliating.

Chloe bursts out laughing again.

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CHLOE (CONT'D)

Hahaha! She wants to design clothes yet she can't even keep hers clean!

Sabrina ventures a joke.

48 SABRINA
 Wow, Chloe... You really put a
 stain on her character!

Chloe tells Sabrina off.

49 CHLOE
 Shush. If I'm not the one who said
 it, it's not funny!

No one's laughed besides the two of them, but no one's said a word either -- they're all hoping for this unpleasant moment to pass as quickly as possible.

Marinette tries to wipe her chair and pants clean but only manages to spread paint everywhere, even squirting some on the person sitting closest to her.

50 MARINETTE
 Oh, sorry! I'm such a klutz!

51 CHLOE
 You're not a klutz! You're
 ridiculous. Utterly ridiculous!

52 MARINETTE
 Chloe! This was another one of your
 dirty tricks!

53 MENDELEIEV
 Not only are you late and wasting
 everyone's time clowning around,
 now you're groundlessly accusing
 one of your classmates!? Why don't
 you go and see *what* the Principal
 thinks of this!

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54 MARINETTE
 But I just came from his office?!

55 MENDELEIEV
 Well, go back!

Chloe and Sabrina snicker. With an evil smile, Chloe warns Marinette.

56 CHLOE
 And to think the day's just getting
 started!

Rose gazes at Chloe reproachfully, but Chloe threatens her back.

57 CHLOE (CONT'D)
 What's your problem? You wanna play
 with some paint, too?

Intimidated, Rose looks down and remains silent. Juleka is outraged. She's next.

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CHLOE (CONT'D)

What about you? Is there something you want to tell me? Other than (mimicking Juleka's mumbling) bah-bah-bah-dah-dah?

Juleka looks down, humiliated.

Marinette leaves the classroom, her head hanging, covering her backside with a textbook to hide the stain on her pants.

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EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

Marinette walks out of Damocles' office and meets her friends Rose, Juleka and Mylene, waiting for her down the stairs. (Note: At the time, Alya and Alix weren't in her class.)

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MARINETTE

I just got three more hours of detention on Saturday! If you add it all up that's more detention than there are hours in the weekend! And it's all because of Chloe...

In an excess of kindness, Rose tries to make excuses for Chloe.

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ROSE

Don't be mad at her. She's this way because her mother left her when she was young.

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MYLENE

So did mine, and you don't see me having fun bullying Marinette. We've got to do something about your pants. I'm afraid they might be ruined for good.

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MARINETTE

Oooh, they were my favorite pair...

Kim joins them.

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KIM

You can have my swimming trunks if you'd like!

Marinette blushes.

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MARINETTE

Haha! Thanks, but swimming trunks are for swimming pools.

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MARINETTE (CONT'D)

It'd be weird wearing them in the schoolyard.

Chloe bursts in -- she's not done harassing Marinette.

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CHLOE

Out of the way, you parasites! I told you: "No talking to the baker girl"!

Rose and Juleka leave, hanging their heads and whispering to Marinette so Chloe won't hear them.

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ROSE

We'll talk in the cafeteria.

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MARINETTE

(to herself)

The only place she never goes to... for now...

Kim's still here. Chloe upbraids him.

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CHLOE

"Parasite" means you too, goldfish brains!

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KIM

Oh? Thanks, that's nice!

Clearly, Kim has no idea what "parasite" means! He walks away, taking it as a compliment.

Chloe rolls her eyes at so much intellectual clout, then advances on Marinette threateningly.

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CHLOE

I have big news for you, Dupain-Cheng... Starting now, there will be no rest for you, not even in the cafeteria! I'll be there to **make your life a nightmare**! Of course, I won't be eating the same gross food as you losers...

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Suddenly, a foot whips up at lightning speed, barring Chloe's way, sending her ponytail flying. Socqueline, then a 9th grader, has stepped in between Marinette and Chloe.

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SOCQUELINE

I've warned you, Bourgeois! You leave Marinette alone!

Chloe's blanches. Obviously, the tiny, pigtailed Socqueline is the only student she fears! She leaves without further ado.

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CHLOE

You can't even have fun with people
in peace, these days...

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Socqueline is now alone with Marinette.

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SOCQUELINE

Marinette, I promised your mom I'd
keep an eye on you, but I can't be
around all the time. And next year,
I won't even be here anymore!
You've gotta learn to stand up to
Chloe!

Marinette answers evasively. She's resigned herself. And
besides, right now, she only has eyes for Kim, who's fooling
around with Max.

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MARINETTE

Well, even the teachers are afraid
of her. And the semester's almost
over... Hopefully, next year we
won't be in the same class again.

Socqueline notices that Marinette's attention is elsewhere.
She looks in the same direction as her and spots Kim.

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SOCQUELINE

Don't tell me you're crushing on
this dingbat?

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MARINETTE

Why not? He's nice, funny... and
kinda cute!

Socqueline sighs, *craking a smile of affection for Marinette.* *

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SOCQUELINE

And are you going to do something
about this, for a change?

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MARINETTE

You're right, I've gotta do
something. I know! I could ask him
out to the swimming pool after
school, what d'you think?

Perplexed, Socqueline looks at Kim, tickling Max in the
distance.

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MAX

No! Stop!

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KIM

C'm'on, Max, laugh a little!

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SOCQUELINE
I think you might be confusing
kindness for foolery, Marinette...

Marinette runs to see Kim, with surprising confidence, the
opposite of the 9th grade Marinette we know.

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MARINETTE
You're being too hard on him!

As Marinette darts away, Socqueline adds:

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SOCQUELINE
Be careful, Marinette!

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Sabrina, who was spying on them, hidden from view, has
overheard the whole conversation.

Sabrina meets Chloe and whispers everything back to her.

With an evil smile, Chloe watches Marinette ask Kim out in
the distance. This gives her a new idea how to bully her
favorite victim.

CUT TO - back on Marinette, all smiles and rosy-cheeked,
walking away from Kim.

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MARINETTE
I'll see you tonight then!

Once Marinette's out of sight, Chloe walks up to Kim.

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CHLOE
So... I heard Marinette asked you
to go with her to the swimming
pool.

Kim grins at Chloe, delighted.

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KIM
Yeah, we're going swimming
together. Cool! Cuz I love to swim!

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CHLOE
That's not why she asked you,
dummy!

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KIM
It's not? Then what are we gonna
do? Please don't tell me we're
gonna play tennis?

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CHLOE
She wants to declare her feelings
for you!

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KIM
For me? But why?

91 CHLOE
Probably because she's utterly
ridiculous and so are you, which
makes you two perfect for each
other!

92 KIM
Oh? You think so?! But, uh... If
we're not swimming, then what are
we supposed to do when we're
together?

93 CHLOE
What do you like to do, beside
swimming?

94 KIM
Uh... laughing?

95 CHLOE
Well there you go!!! That's what
you're gonna do... laugh! Because
I've got a great idea for a super
funny practical joke!

She whispers something in his ear.

Kim is circumspect.

96 KIM
You're sure she'll like that?

97 CHLOE
She'll LOVE it.

That's all it takes to convince Kim.

98 KIM
Ha ha ha! Awesome! You're just too
funny, Chloe!

She concludes, with an evil smile:

99 CHLOE
You know me... an absolute scream.

17 **INT. BUS - EVENING**

A beaming Marinette and a perplexed Socqueline get on the
bus. *(They both have a gym bag in addition to their school
bags. Marinette for the swimming pool, Socqueline for her
Taekwondo gear.)*

100 SOCQUELINE
So... you're going just like that?
What are you gonna say to him?

They sit down.

101

MARINETTE

I don't know... I'll just see if we're having a good time, and if I feel like the moment's right at some point, I'll just tell him how I feel, that's it. This isn't Taekwondo, Socqueline! We're just going to the swimming pool. I don't need a plan or to go over my every move!

Socqueline looks worried. The bus stops in front of the swimming pool. They kiss goodbye.

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MARINETTE (CONT'D)

I'll tell you how it went tomorrow!

103

SOCQUELINE

Right...

Marinette gets off.

The bus leaves. Socqueline is still worried. Suddenly, she cracks, gets up and calls for the driver to stop at the next station.

18

INT. SWIMMING POOL - EVENING

Clipped sequence: Under the kindly eye of the lifeguard, Marinette is indeed having a good time with Kim. They swim, laugh, splash about (*S&P: never doing anything dangerous or going against pool regulations.*)

They end up sitting next to each other on the diving board, their legs dangling. Marinette takes the figurative plunge.

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MARINETTE

You know, Kim... I think you're really funny... and nice... and sweet, too. And, uh... I think... I think I'd like us to be more than friends!

There's a switch in Kim's gaze, as if he'd just heard a signal for something. Suddenly trying to act very serious, he grabs Marinette's hands and looks straight in her eyes. It's obvious that he's playing a role, as if following directions... previously whispered into his ear by Chloe!

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KIM

You do? Whoa, I can't believe this!

He kneels down on the diving board, pulls out a ring box and holds it out to her.

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KIM (CONT'D)

Oh, Marinette, when you're around, I feel like I'm in a dream!
(MORE)

KIM (CONT'D)

As if I were swimming in the
 awesomest ocean! I'd give you every
 pool floatie in the world if I
 could, but all I have is this
 tiny... thing!?

Marinette is surprised at first.

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KIM (CONT'D)

Say something! Don't leave me
 hanging like this!

But she finally gives in to the whole "every princess's
 dream" side of the situation and makes him a huge
 declaration.

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MARINETTE

Oh, Kim... I love you!

She emotionally takes the box from him. Opens it... Spiders
 come out of it and start crawling on her arms! She jumps and
 screams while Kim bursts out laughing. (S&P: please make sure
 this isn't too intense.) *

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MARINETTE (CONT'D)

AAAAAAAH!

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KIM

Hahahahahaha!

Marinette can't even talk, she clumsily juggles with the box
 before throwing it to Kim, who's convulsed with laughter.

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KIM (CONT'D)

Chloe was right, spiders are
 hilarious!

Marinette lets out desperate little squeaks as she steps back
 from the spiders that are nearing her bare feet. As the
 arachnids start to climb her feet, she tumbles off the
 board...

In a slow-motion fall, she sees Chloe and Sabrina --
 Sabrina's filming the whole scene from the bleachers. Their
 cruel laughter accompanies Marinette until she lands in the
 water, amid the spiders. (S&P: please make sure this isn't
 too intense.) *

The lifeguard helps her out of the pool and shouts out to
 Chloe and Sabrina, who are already running away.

112

LIFEGUARD

Hey! You two!

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EXT. OUTSIDE THE SWIMMING POOL - EVENING

Chloe and Sabrina come running out of the swimming pool, in
 stitches. Chloe brandishes the phone like a trophy.

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CHLOE

Hahaha! From this day on, your life will be an endless torment, Dupain-Cheng! Even if you spent your whole life locked in your room, you'd still be the star of Shame-TV on social media every day!

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Socqueline suddenly turns up, kicks Sabrina's phone from Chloe's hand and smashes it to the ground underneath the sole of her shoe.

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INT. SWIMMING POOL / CHANGING ROOMS - EVENING

Marinette takes refuge in her changing booth...

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Through the door, Kim asks Marinette whether she had fun too.

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KIM

So? That was hilarious, right? I'm cracking up!

But the only answer he gets are Marinette's sobs.

Socqueline shows up and chases Kim away.

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SOCQUELINE

You! Go away! You should be ashamed of yourself!

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KIM

Come on, it was just a practical joke?!

Marinette comes out of the cabin. We witness the birth of the show's Marinette, as she decides that she will never say *I love you* ever again.

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MARINETTE

I will never, ever, ever fall in love again.

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SOCQUELINE

It wasn't your fault, Marinette.

Marinette launches into her very first classic-Marinette-monolog.

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MARINETTE

Yes it was! You were right, I should have known, been more prepared, ...I should have had a plan... I should have been more careful! I'll never tell another boy that I love him before I know everything about him!

(MORE)

MARINETTE (CONT'D)

Whether he's kind or not,
thoughtful, what he does outside of
school and with who. Everything.
I'll know everything. His birthday,
his middle name, his schedule, his
favorite things... and above all,
I'll make sure that he's NOT
friends with Chloe!

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21 **INT. DAMOCLES'S OFFICE - DAY**

The next day, Socqueline and Chloe face each other in front of Damocles. Chloe hams it up.

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CHLOE

And then, for no reason at all, she
attacked me with her ugly little
feet! Fortunately, by some
incredible stroke of luck, I didn't
get hit!

Socqueline is dismayed.

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CHLOE (CONT'D)

Then I had to witness the massacre
of an innocent phone! Fortunately I
didn't pay for it, otherwise I
would have been traumatized for
life!

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M. DAMOCLES

I'm afraid there's not much I can
do. All of this happened in an
extra-curricular setting, outside
the school premises... And it
wasn't even your phone!

Chloe nods.

124

CHLOE

I understand...

She whips out her phone.

125

CHLOE (CONT'D)

Luckily, when Daddy finds out how
incompetent you are, he'll appoint
a new principal with a greater
sense of justice!

126

M. DAMOCLES

Come now, Miss Bourgeois, we don't
want to bother the Mayor for
something so minor! Socqueline,
you're hereby suspended for two
weeks!

Socqueline can't believe it.

127

SOCQUELINE

But that means until the end of the
year! What about the class council?
What about prom?

A victorious Chloe defies her with a dirty look.

128

CHLOE

Good riddance!

22

EXT. SCHOOL YARD - DAY

Marinette runs behind Socqueline, who's heading for the exit.

129

MARINETTE

Socqueline! Wait!
I'm sorry. This is all my fault.
I'm not worth you being punished
because of me!

Socqueline smiles and stares into Marinette's eyes.

130

SOCQUELINE

Every good fight is worth fighting.
We shouldn't be influenced by our
chances of winning, but by whether
or not it's the right thing to do!

She walks away, leaving Marinette alone at the top of the
school stairs.

131

SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)

Remember, Marinette - never be
afraid to act! That's the only way
you'll make a difference!

23

INT. SWIMMING POOL / CHANGING ROOMS - DAY

End flashback. Socqueline's last words are still ringing in
Marinette's head. Galvanized by her epiphany, Marinette
rejects the Megakuma out of her swimming bracelet. It leaves
through a portal. Marinette catches her breath. She looks at
her hands: they're no longer shaking.

132

MARINETTE

I know why I'm so afraid!

She motions to a flabbergasted Tikki, hiding in her bag.

133

MARINETTE (CONT'D)

I'll be back, Tikki!

She rushes out of the booth to go meet Adrien, relieved and
happy.

134

MARINETTE (CONT'D)

Adrien! I know what's wrong with
me! It's not my fault!
(MORE)

MARINETTE (CONT'D)
 And it's not your fault either!
 It's all Chloe's fault!

24 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / POOL - DAY**

She gets downstairs just as Kim finishes telling everything to Ondine and Adrien. They can't believe their ears.

135 ONDINE
 You did that to Marinette?

136 KIM (PROUDLY)
 Just like Chloe said: when you like a girl, you get on one knee, compliment her and give her jewelry! Except that time it wasn't for real! It was just a practical joke!

He adds, dreamy:

137 KIM (CONT'D)
 Ha! Chloe's the prettiest girl in the world and the funniest, too!

Kim doesn't realize how much his words hurt Ondine. Adrien contains his anger, *clenching his fist in anger*. But Ondine doesn't refrain from laying into him: *

138 ONDINE
 How could you say that in front of me, and do such awful things to Marinette?! Your behavior is cruel and unacceptable!

But Kim feels wrongly accused.

139 KIM
 Come on, loosen up you guys! *It's like you can't even speak your mind, these days! Pfff...* *
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 *

140 ONDINE
 So we should let you hurt other people?!

He walks away, offended.

141 KIM
 Whatever. I'm the way I am and I'm fine that way! It's not my fault you guys have no sense of humor!

25 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR - DAY**

The iris window opens. Monarch has sensed Kim's negative emotions.

142

MONARCH

A free spirit feeling unjustly rejected? As an ardent defender of freedom of oppression, it is my duty to help him!

He creates a megakuma and sends it via a portal...

26

INT. SWIMMING POOL / STAIRS - DAY

As Kim climbs the stairs that lead to the changing booths, the Voyage portal opens. The megakuma comes out of it and enters his swimming goggles.

143

MONARCH

Dark Humor, I am Monarch. We should be able to laugh at anything... and anyone. That is why I'm giving you the power to win people over with your unique sense of humor.

Monarch places his ring against Xuppu's cage.

144

MONARCH (CONT'D)

Xuppu, your power is now mine.

INSERT inside Kim's Alliance, where a brown VFX lights up an electronic component (power of the Miraculous of the Monkey).

145

MONARCH (CONT'D)

Of course, the spoilsport Ladybug and Cat Noir will try to knock some sense into you, but thanks to the essence of the Miraculous of Derision that I'm also giving you, you will be able to seize their Miraculous.

146

KIM

At least you get my sense of humor!

Kim transforms into Dark Humor. His goggles turn into scopes and he regains his old Dark Cupid powers, mixed with the power of Derision of the Miraculous of the Monkey. As Dark Cupid, he would shoot arrows with black roses for "heads", and anyone he touched started to hate their loved ones. Now, as Dark Humor, his arrows all have silly objects for "heads" - a yellow rubber duck, a mug, a cucumber, and so on. Anyone he touches start acting recklessly, attacking other people, destroying everything in their way and, most importantly, finding the whole thing hilarious! And when one of their victims complains, they reply: "Come on! It's just a prank!" / "You can't say anything these days" / "It's like you can't do anything anymore!" with a magical laugh track in the background.

27 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / POOL - DAY**

Dark Humor flies away and positions himself over the pool, staring down at his future victims.

147 KIM
 So, all you wet blankets! Ready to learn to have fun?

<Magical laugh track>

148 ONDINE / MARINETTE / ADRIEN
 Kim?!

Adrien, surprisingly annoyed, takes Marinette by the hand and pulls her to safety. We can sense that he wants to fight as soon as possible -- which suits Marinette just fine.

149 ADRIEN
 This way!

The Lifeguard intervenes to maintain order.

150 LIFEGUARD
 Hey, you! There's no flying in the pool!

151 DARK HUMOR
 Ugh, it's like you can't do anything anymore!

<Magical laugh track>

His first victim is the lifeguard, who decides to drain the water from the pool.

152 LIFEGUARD
 I'm gonna drain the pool! It'll be hilarious when people dive in!

153 ONDINE
 That's not funny at all! It's seriously dangerous!

Dark Humor mocks Ondine when she doesn't laugh.

154 DARK HUMOR
 Why aren't you laughing? Where's your sense of humor?

<Magical laugh track>

He turns Ondine into his second victim.

28 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / MARINETTE'S CHANGING ROOM - DAY**

Adrien brings Marinette back to her changing room.

155 ADRIEN
Stay here! I'm going to get help!

Tikki comes out of hiding.

156 MARINETTE
At least when we're running away
hand in hand, I don't shake like a
leaf! Tikki, spots on!

Marinette transforms into Ladybug.

29 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / ADRIEN'S CHANGING ROOM - DAY**

It's Adrien's turn:

157 ADRIEN
Kim's gone way too far! Plagg,
claws on!

Adrien transforms into Cat Noir.

30 **EXT. TUILERIES - DAY**

Back on Ondine, standing in the Tuileries fountain, hitting
some kids' remote-control boats with a pool noodle. The kids
cry as she sinks their toys.

158 ONDINE
Bullseye! Direct hit! What?! Don't
you like playing battleship?

Dark Humor mocks the kids crying.

159 DARK HUMOR
Why aren't you laughing? Where's
your sense of humor?

<Magical laugh track>

He's about to attack the kids when Ladybug and Cat Noir burst
in and protect them from the supervillain's arrows, twirling
their yoyo and staff.

160 CAT NOIR
Can't you pick on someone your own
size? Do you have no shame at all!?

Cat Noir attacks way more aggressively than usual. Of course,
Ladybug doesn't know it's because he's angry at Kim for what
he did to Marinette.

161 LADYBUG
Cat Noir! Calm down! We just need
to destroy the akumatized object!
You're gonna hurt him!

But Cat Noir doesn't listen.

162 CAT NOIR
And he'd deserve it!

Cat Noir calls up his superpower.

163 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
We'll see if you're still laughing
after I've wiped that smile from
your face with my... Cataclysm!

He eventually grabs Dark Humor and threatens him with his
hand charged with negative energy!

164 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
So where's your laugh track now?

Ladybug wraps her yoyo around her partner's wrist to stop
him.

165 LADYBUG
What's happening to you?

But Cat Noir doesn't have time to answer: Dark Humor seizes
his chance to grab an arrow in his quiver and hit Cat Noir
with it.

166 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
No!

Dark Humor can wrench free and take off.

Cat Noir's power is disrupted. Now, instead of black
particles, little bouncy balls spring from his ring and
scatter in every direction! Car drivers brake, honk, passers-
by step on the balls and nearly come a cropper... Cat Noir
makes fun of his victims with lousy puns:

167 CAT NOIR
I don't know about you, but I'm
having a ball! / Sorry you have to
bounce so soon!

Ladybug calls up her superpower.

168 LADYBUG
Lucky Charm!

As the yoyo rises in the sky, Dark Humor aims and hits it in
mid-air with one of his arrows... The power of Derision turns
the yoyo into a balloon that rises into the sky. *

29 MONARCH *

Now, this is where your luck runs *

out, Ladybug ! *

But Cat Noir playfully leaps at the balloon to play! *

30

CAT NOIR

Yay! Come on, buddy, let's play ball!

He sends the balloon towards Dark Humor, distracting him.
Ladybug seizes this chance to go and hide.

When Dark Dumor manages to get rid of the balloon, he sees:
Ladybug, already heading back with a new yoyo.

DARK HUMOR

Hey, wait!... How did she do that?

MONARCH

She had time to transform back and forth, you fool!

This time, Dark Humor doesn't have time to destroy the yoyo, thanks to which Ladybug finally calls up a...

LADYBUG

Lucky Charm!

She gets... a red toilet bowl with black dots!

Dark Humor laughs at her as he starts shooting at her again.

169

DARK HUMOR

Hahahah! What's with that? Is nature calling?

<Magical laugh track>

Ladybug vision: as she runs, she spots Cat Noir fooling around... one of Dark Humor's arrows... a tube of glue that a kid is smearing on a bench after getting hit by Dark Humor... a chimney stack on a roof... Bingo, she gets an idea!

170

LADYBUG

(to herself)

That's right, nature's calling me to kick your butt!

During the chase, she manages to discreetly retrieve the tube of glue left behind by the kid. Then, jumping on the roofs as the super-villain shoots at her, she pretends to stumble, 'hit' by one of the arrows, and rolls behind the chimney.

171

LADYBUG (CONT'D)

Aaah!

172

DARK HUMOR

Got her! Ladybug, make way for Ladygag! Hahahah!

The <magical laugh track> echoes his laughter.

Ladybug takes advantage of the moment to quickly empty the tube of glue inside the toilet bowl. She comes out from behind the chimney, pretending to have fallen victim to Dark Humor's power.

173

LADYBUG

Hahahah! It's my turn to laugh now!

She now seems determined to stuff Cat Noir's head inside the bowl. This leads to a kung-fu-choreography-style fight, with Ladybug trying to stick the bowl on Cat Noir's head while he tries to avoid her. (S&P: the toilet mustn't have water in it and should look 'unrealistic'.)

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174

CAT NOIR

Hey, are you out of your mind?

175

LADYBUG

What's wrong? Where's your sense of humor? Would you prefer a litter box!?! Hahaha!

Eventually Cat Noir flees, with Ladybug on his heels.

176

LADYBUG (CONT'D)

Sit, kitty!

Monarch exults - both his enemies have been hit!

177

MONARCH

You got them both! Bravo, Dark Humor! Now all you have to do is take their Miraculous.

The villain follows Ladybug flying low. He gets behind her, arms outstretched, about to seize her earrings, when she spins around and SPLASH! She sticks the toilet bowl on his head! That's right: Ladybug was only pretending to have been hit!

178

DARK HUMOR

Hey! Take it off!

<Magical laugh track>

Dark Humor can't take the toilet bowl off his head! It's stuck!!!

179

LADYBUG

What's the matter?
That's right, I pretended to be hit! Ahah! Don't you like my practical joke? You really need to get a sense of humor!

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180

DARK HUMOR

It's stuck!

<Magical laugh track>

Still under Dark Humor's spell, Cat Noir laughs at the villain, who bumps into things as he tries to get rid of the toilet bowl. Cat Noir plays Marco Polo with him.

181 CAT NOIR
Over here! / Right there! / Hello?
/ Nope, over there!

Ladybug wraps her yoyo around the toilet bowl and yanks the string, 'butter-slicing' the bowl into several pieces. The villain's goggles are stuck to one of the pieces. Ladybug breaks them. The Megakuma flies out of them. She captures it.

182 LADYBUG
No more evil-doing for you,
Megakuma! / Time to de-evilize! /
Gotcha! / Bye bye little butterfly!
/ Miraculous Ladybug!

The magic ladybugs repair all the damage. Everyone becomes normal again, and Ondine is taken back to the pool.

Dark Humor turns back into Kim. Ladybug helps him come back to his senses.

183 KIM
What happened?

184 LADYBUG
Monarch used your emotions to
manipulate you.

She gives him a Magical Charm

185 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Kim, this is a Magical Charm.
Always keep it with you. May it
help you avoid making the same
mistakes again.

Ladybug and Cat Noir meet one last time before splitting up. Cat Noir is sheepish.

186 CAT NOIR
I'm sorry, I let my emotions get
the better of me, too.

187 LADYBUG
Don't worry. It can happen to
anyone. That's why there's two of
us. That way one of us is always
there to help the other.

188 LADYBUG / CAT NOIR
Pound it!

Ladybug and Chat Noir split up and each transforms back in their changing room at the pool.

31 **INT. SWIMMING POOL / POOL - DAY**

A sheepish Kim meets Adrien, Marinette and Ondine.

189 KIM
I can't remember anything. I hope I didn't do too many awful things when I was a super villain.

190 ONDINE
The worst thing is that you do awful things even when you're not akumatized, Kim!

191 KIM
Again, with that story? It was just a joke!

192 ONDINE
A girl liked you and you broke her heart!

193 KIM
But I had no idea!

194 ONDINE
Just because you have no idea doesn't mean it doesn't matter! The pain is still real!

Kim looks at his magical charm, thinking.

195 KIM
You're right, Ondine. I'm just a fool who doesn't think about the consequences of what I say or do. But I'm going to change.

He apologizes to Marinette.

196 KIM (CONT'D)
I'm sorry I hurt you, Marinette. Can you please forgive me?

Marinette smiles.

197 MARINETTE
Apology accepted, Kim.

Ondine throws herself at Kim's neck.

198 ONDINE
There! That's the boy I fell in love with!

On Kim looking stunned, surprised that Ondine is in love with him.

32 **EXT. OUTSIDE SWIMMING POOL - DAY**

Adrien and Marinette are finally alone. They can talk about the revelation she had. Marinette goes for it.

199

MARINETTE

I've finally figured out why I keep making things so difficult... why I'm so afraid of telling you how I feel. I know you'd never mean to hurt me, but somehow I'm still scared. And I'm afraid I'll be scared for a long time to come.

Adrien comforts her.

200

ADRIEN

I'm scared too. This is all new to me as well, so, I won't always know how to react. I'm scared of doing something wrong, scared of hurting you, scared of someone else hurting you, scared of losing you... But we're together, you and me. And we'll do whatever we can to help each other! And then, together, maybe we'll become less and less scared.

He holds out his hand to her. She apprehensively presses her hand against his fingertips.

It looks like she's touching something boiling hot. But she resists it and holds on for a little while before she pulls her hand away.

201

ADRIEN (CONT'D)

We've got time...

They exchange a little, slightly sad smile (they're not there yet!) but tender, too.

END POSTER PAINT: Marinette and Adrien's hands, brushing against each other.

33 **EXT. PALACE - ROOFTOP - DAY**

But the episode isn't over yet! Chloe is lying on a deckchair, reading a magazine in her swimsuit. Sabrina is on all fours next to her, a tray of refreshments on her back -- Chloe's using her as a coffee table. A shadow falls over Chloe, blocking the sun. She doesn't even look up, thinking it's Sabrina.

202

CHLOE
Sabrina! Down!

It isn't Sabrina... but Adrien. Stone-faced.

203

ADRIEN
I know about everything you did to Marinette last year, Chloe. You're going to go and apologize to her, and prove to everyone that you can change. I'm sure she'll forgive you.

Chloe bursts out laughing.

204

CHLOE
Hahahah! Forgive me? What do I care about her forgiveness? I couldn't care less about Dupain-Cheng's feelings! She and the likes of her only exist to suffer for my entertainment. What's the point in having power if you can't use it against those who don't have any? You're the one who's getting things wrong, with your baker girl! You're a prince! You belong with me, the princess! You're in this world to shine! To make fun of all the losers who are only good enough to be used as doormats, or, at best...
(seeing Sabrina)
...coffee tables!

Chloe resumes reading her magazine as if nothing was the matter. Adrien is still stone-faced.

205

ADRIEN
You're nothing like a princess, Chloe. I supported you, I defended you, I gave you multiple chances to become a better person. Everyone reached out to you, including Ladybug and Cat Noir, when they gave you the Miraculous of the Bee again. But all you ever think about is yourself.

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She looks up from her magazine disdainfully.

206

CHLOE
And what else is there to think about? Losers and nobodies? The little bees? The planet?

207

ADRIEN
We will never be friends again, Chloe. You and I are done.

As he leaves without turning back, she mumbles between her teeth.

208

CHLOE
Traitor!

END OF EPISODE